

Old Eye Glasses Needed

The Sight Center continues to collect old eye glasses for the needy. Broken metal frames are separated from the good ones and sold for scrap. Proceeds are used to support a week of recreation for the blind at Camp Hemlock in Michigan.

The glasses are then distributed by the Ohio Lions to individuals in Central and South America, the Philippines, India, etc.

Glasses may be dropped off at the Sight Center, 1819 Canton Street.



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Members of the West Toledo Senior Center made touch and tell books for visually impaired persons. Bernice Kubicki (seated center) was chairman.

Members of the group are: John Kubicki, Melvin and Regina Block, Frances Cisek, Mary Phillips, Mary Chorzempa, Florence Knuth, Rhea Yopolo, Esther Redde and Mary Steinhart.

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness among adults in the United States -- accounting for one of every six cases of blindness among persons 20 years of age or over.

89,000 Ohioans, age 35 and over, have glaucoma, many without knowing it. Early detection can save sight.



George Rothrock and Vernon Reinhart try a hand at horseshoes.

We Need Your Help!

With budgeting cutbacks to social services now being planned in Washington, both long and short term effects remain uncertain. What does appear certain, however, is an increased reliance by agencies like the Sight Center on individual contributions.

The Sight Center has grown considerably from its origins in 1924. We now have complete rehabilitation services (which include counseling, rehabilitation teaching, mobility instruction, and reading and information services), pre-school and glaucoma screenings, the Community Medical Eye Clinic housed at St. Vincent Hospital, a sheltered workshop, educational programs, volunteer services, and recreational activities. To cut back in these vital areas of service would be a regressive move for persons with vision handicaps.

The Sight Center invites you to visit its facilities on Canton Street to better understand the impact that these services have on blind and visually impaired persons. We need your support--both voluntarily and financially!

Mail your tax-deductible contributions today to the Sight Center, 1819 Canton Street, Toledo, Ohio 43624. Your gift may help a visually handicapped person move one step closer to employment.

Besides, it feels good to give.

the SIGHT CENTER

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A World Turns Bright

Some get lost in their own backyards. Others find it difficult to negotiate a flight of stairs. Many long to move about freely without fear in an outside environment like a shopping mall. Others simply become reclusive--defeated in a world unseen.

Approximately 11,500 blind and visually impaired persons live in northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Unfortunately, many of these people are not living up to their fullest potential as far as navigating within their surroundings. But with mobility instruction offered by the Sight Center, a world without sight can be turned into a world of excitement and challenge.

Sight Center mobility instructors Sue Perkins and Mary Reiff in Toledo and Chuck Huss in Tiffin provide year round mobility training in the homes of blind and visually impaired persons. This can even include night lessons and instructions during inclement weather.

"Our purpose is to help visually impaired men and women be as independent as possible," Ms. Reiff explains. Because of different funding sources including individual givers, the service is based on the individual's ability to pay.

Blind and visually impaired persons are taught how to use a white cane, cross streets, and utilize public transportation. They also learn mobility techniques for special situations such as negotiating railroad tracks and getting around in shopping centers. The latter includes learning to use elevators and escalators.

"Last year we provided mobility instructions to 134 visually impaired persons in our service area," Barry McEwen, executive director, says. "Many people with vision handicaps in the 21 counties we serve aren't aware that we exist. We want to correct that as quickly as possible."

If you are visually impaired or know of someone who might benefit from mobility instructions, contact the Sight Center in Toledo, (419) 241-1183.



Pat Knell and a newly acquired friend from a preschool screening.

Holiday Greeting Cards Available

A brochure describing this year's line of holiday greeting cards is in the mail for the 1981 holiday season.

The brochure includes an order blank for your convenience. Should you not receive this brochure which includes all details, please contact the Sight Center at 241-1183.

We are pleased with the fine selection of cards being offered this year and encourage you to take advantage of the program for both tax deduction purposes and the opportunity to help continue our current agenda of programming.

The Sight Center extends a warm thank you for your past support!



Findlay resident Margaret Thomas receives mobility instruction. Vicki Obee, rehabilitation counselor, and Chuck Huss, mobility instructor, aid her.



Dick Henry (right) shows Paul Noel, controller, his newly acquired award from the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Services, a Product of Zonta Club

The Toledo Society for the Blind was one of the earliest recipients of service and support by the Zonta Club. Organized in 1921, the Zonta Club began providing entertainment for Society for the Blind members in the early twenties.

During the days of the Ohio sales tax redemption program, club members spent countless hours sorting and counting tax stamps. All the money received from the stamp redemption program was given to the Society for the Blind. Even though the state stamp program was discontinued, Zonta continues to financially support the Sight Center's summer camp program.

The Fragrance Garden for the Blind at Crosby Park is the result of a generous donation by Zonta to the Forestry Division in 1971. The gift was in commemoration of Zonta's 50th anniversary.

Throughout the history of its organization, Zonta has continually demonstrated concern for the rehabilitation of visually impaired persons. The Sight Center wishes to publicly acknowledge its deep appreciation for the years of support given by the Zonta Club. Their support has helped blind and visually impaired persons of all ages attain their maximum potential as contributing citizens of our society.



(Left to right) Dr. Robert Kiess, Sight Center board member, and keynote speaker, Dr. Harold W. Falls were on hand for the Third Annual Lyle Kirk Memorial Lecture last spring at the Medical College of Ohio. Dr. Falls spoke on diseases of the eye.



(Left to right) Zonta Club members Ruta Gulbis, District 5 chairman of International Relations; Mary Lou Duseburg, chairman of Service; Karol Kime, secretary; Helen Gummow, president of Zonta Club of Toledo I present a check to Barry McEwen, executive director, Sight Center, for the summer camp program.

Dick Henry Honored

In recognition of 25 years of outstanding service to blind and visually impaired individuals, Dick Henry, workshop supervisor at the Sight Center, was presented the special Area award by the Ohio Chapter of American Association of Workers for the Blind. The award was given at the Ohio Chapter's annual meeting.

Mr. Henry has been employed at the Sight Center in the capacity of workshop supervisor where he has worked with congenitally blind and newly blind individuals, assisting them to adapt to the world of work or re-introducing them to vocational opportunities.

Mr. Henry has worked with literally hundreds of individuals and helped them lead normal and productive lives. He himself is legally blind and has a severe hearing loss that is corrected with dual hearing aids.



A rest at trail's end for (left to right) Sue Pavuk, Polly Warren, Alfred Smith, Sue Perkins, Bill Hawkins, Susie Goldman, Helen Rose Dunlap, Tony Gamble (back), Sharon Hileman.

All Ages Attend Camp

The Sight Center ended one of its most successful camping seasons ever with 26 persons attending the preschool camp in June followed by 19 persons ranging from 8 to 92 in attendance at the annual camp week.

Highlights at Camp Hemlock included games of all sorts, crafts, fishing, swimming, boating, and large amounts of plain old good summertime fun.

Appreciation is extended to the many helping hands that made our 1981 camping season one of the best.



Check that follow-through! Marion Long at Camp Hemlock.



Hiking offers new adventures for (left to right) Thelma Pernia, Lucille Mawhoeter, Eddie Larde, Gail Sheffield, Kenny Ducat, Susie Goldman, and other hikers.



The National Accreditation Council in New York has extended the Sight Center's accreditation to June, 1983.

Margaret Wensel has joined the Board of Trustees for the Sight Center. Margaret, who is blind, is a retired rehabilitation teacher from the Bureau of Services for the Blind where she worked for 35 years. She is active in the St. Lucy Society and also a member of Pi Lambda Theta, a national honorary education organization. She retains a life membership with the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

On September 8, 1980, public law 96-344 was enacted. Section 9 of this act amends the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide for the issuance of a free lifetime entrance permit to designated Federal Fee areas to any citizen who is blind or permanently disabled. This permit will be available to persons who have been medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled for purposes of receiving benefits under Federal law.

Congratulations to Phyllis Knisely, who was recently named a member of the board of directors for the National Braille Association. Phyllis has long been an active volunteer brailist working with Temple Shomer Emunim Sisterhood Braille Group.

The Sight Center would appreciate your letting us know if you have recently changed your address or telephone number. Contact the Sight Center, 1819 Canton Street, Toledo, Ohio 43624, or call 241-1183 and ask for Darlene Bruno.

No one is too old to benefit from at least some of the many techniques available to help the visually impaired person become reacquainted with the world around him.



A group of visually impaired persons enjoy the afternoon on the river.



Mary Ellen Smith guides the boat on a recent outing down the Maumee River.



Helping hands make light work of taffy-making. Left to right: Eddie Larde, George Rothrock, Glen Treaster, and Eugene Impton.



Ellie Casebolt on the job.



Industrious Francis Mayer seals packages in the workshop.



Frank Lininger, a Maumee Lions Club volunteer, screens an unidentified man for glaucoma.



Oh, how that girl can dance! (Sue Perkins)



What big eyes you have, Loretta Turner!



Mary Reiff at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky with Andrew Lesko.



An unidentified volunteer from the Home Builders Auxiliary helps at the style show.



A luncheon meeting for decision-making. Board members (left to right) Franklin Schroeder, Lou Zavac, John Goertlich, Tom Day, Bob Murray, Harry Kessler, Robert Kiess, M.D., and Bill Marti (back to camera).